



# New England Agricultural Statistics Service

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## USDA MAKES ANNUAL COUNT OF HOGS & PIGS

In New England, operations with hogs during 1999 totaled 1,760 farms, an increase of 10 farms from 1998. The inventory of all hogs and pigs on farms totaled 39,500 head, about 1 percent less than the previous year. Inventories increased in Maine and Massachusetts, while Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont showed a decline from the previous year. It is once again time to measure hogs and pigs on farms in New England and *your help is vital to the success of this nationwide project.*

**USDA's Hog & Pig survey is the only chance to officially measure the New England hog industry in 2000.** This annual survey is part of a national study to establish official USDA statistics for hog inventories on December 1 and farrowings for the previous 12 months in all states. In December, approximately 200 farmers in the six New England states will be asked about their hog and pig inventory and farrowing information. Farmers selected for the survey will receive a letter requesting their help in late November. Information will mostly be collected by telephone interviewers from the New England field office in Concord, NH. Nationwide, this project can help livestock producers to make both short and long-term planning decisions on purchases, sales, and capital investments. The results of the survey are used by farmers, grower associations, extension specialists, suppliers, lenders, and lawmakers when reviewing farm practices and policies. As with all surveys conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, **individual reports are kept strictly confidential and used only with other reports for statistical purposes.**

National survey results will be released in the ***Hogs and Pigs*** report from Washington, D.C. at 3:00 p.m. on December 28, 2000. All reports are available on the Internet within minutes of the scheduled release time. New England statistics based on this survey will be reprinted in the January issue of the monthly ***Ag Review***. This monthly New England newsletter is available on the Internet and complimentary copies are also mailed to survey participants upon request.

[The New England Agricultural Statistics Service is a field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. It is located in Concord, NH, and is responsible for agricultural statistics in all six states in the region. The office can be reached at 1-800-642-9571 or through e-mail at [NASS-NH@NASS.USDA.GOV](mailto:NASS-NH@NASS.USDA.GOV). All national statistics and state level newsletters are available through free e-mail subscriptions and on the Internet at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/).]

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